

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA**

**A Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency in the Washoe Nation
On account of
A Severe Weather Emergency**


- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, is organized pursuant to the Provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the general welfare of its membership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (the "Washoe Tribe") is governed by the Washoe Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") pursuant to the Washoe Tribal Constitution adopted by the Washoe Tribe and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and the Tribal Council is empowered to establish Tribal policies, enact Tribal laws and act for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** a series of heavy, continuous winter storms and unsettled weather conditions have compounded to create a historically large snowpack in the Washoe Nation and similarly aggressive storms are anticipated to continue impacting parts of the Washoe Nation in the coming weeks; and
- WHEREAS,** a severe weather system beginning on March 9, 2023, is affecting Washoe Tribe communities including Hung A Lel Ti, Dresslerville, Carson Indian Colony, and Stewart Community with heavy rainfall and the potential for significant flooding and mud slides throughout the region; and
- WHEREAS,** the severe weather system has damaged Nevada roadways and threaten to damage residential and commercial structures as well as public infrastructure in the affected areas, as well as the health, safety, and welfare of tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** as of March 10, 2023, the neighboring Nevada counties have declared a state of emergency due to the previous, current, and ongoing effects of the severe weather system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Nation is experiencing a significant economic impact in providing emergency services in response to the severe weather system and anticipated continued economic obligations resulting in financial hardship for sustained response in the affected areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the Dresslerville, Carson Indian Colony, and Stewart Community of the Washoe Nation require the assistance of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, and from possibly the State of Nevada, and the Federal Government of the United States of America.
- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHOE TRIBAL COUNCIL** that it hereby declares a State of Emergency for the Washoe Nation due to the severe weather and the consequent danger to life and damage to property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT because of this Emergency, the Washoe Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Secretary-Treasurer to activate the Washoe Tribe's Emergency Operations Plan and all procedures and programs included in it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Washoe Tribal Council directs all tribal departments supplement the efforts of the tribe's Emergency Operations Center in their efforts to monitor the situation closely, develop detailed assessments, seek additional resources, and initiate all actions that are reasonably and necessarily designed to save lives, protect property, alleviate excessive hardship, preserve the health and safety of all interests, and achieve an expeditious resolution of this Emergency.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the Washoe Tribal Council is the governing body of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California composed of twelve (12) members of whom eleven (11), constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly held on the 20th day of March, 2023, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) for, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstentions pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(h) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.



Autumn Burt
Secretary-Treasurer
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

03/21/2023
Date

